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## HOEVEN LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION ACT

### For Lake Tschida, Patterson Lake and the Jamestown Reservoir

- **Limits Permit Fee Increases:** The Bureau of Reclamation recently increased permit fees at the reservoirs in North Dakota. Permit fees were set to almost double at **Lake Tschida and more than double at Patterson Lake and the Jamestown Reservoir**. The Hoeven language limits the total fee increase to no more than 33 percent over five years for all three.

### For Lake Tschida

- **Allows lake homes to continue to be used on lots, as well as additions and improvements previously made to the lot or lake home:** Following a high water event in 2009 the Bureau of Reclamation said that all lake homes must be removed by 2021.
- **Allows a permittee to bring a camper or RV onto the lot:** If a lake home is flooded, Reclamation may require that it be removed, but the lot can still be used.
- **Allows for permit transfers:**
  - If a permittee transfers title to a lake home then Reclamation shall issue a permit to the new home owner under the same terms as the previous permittee.
  - Previous Reclamation policy did not allow this; if a permit was transferred or sold then the lake home had to be removed. This prevented homeowners from recouping any of their investment.
- **Requires anchoring under some circumstances:**
  - Reclamation shall require compliance with appropriate anchoring requirements for summer homes and additions and other objects on the lots.
  - These requirements will be determined by Reclamation after consultation with permittees.
  - These anchoring requirements will help ensure nothing gets in the water in the event of a flood to protect dam safety.
- **Allows replacement, removal, and return:**
  - Permittees may replace a lake home with another lake home.
  - If Permittees remove their lake homes home they can return them to the lot.
  - Previous Reclamation policy said that if a lake home is removed from a lot it could not be returned, and a permittee could only return a camper or RV to the lot.